



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th November 2018

Reception Class Intake 2019

If you have a child or any family members have a child that is due to start Reception Class in September 2019, please note the following key information: Deadline for applications: **15th January 2019**, offer letters to be sent out: **16th April 2019**.

If you apply after the deadline, your application will be classed as a late application and you will be placed at the bottom of the list. We are hosting two further open events for prospective parents on **Thursday 13th December: 9.30am and one at 5.30pm**. If you have not received an application email or pack please contact Bolton Council Admissions on 01204 332143

Children in Need

A huge thank you for your generosity in raising money for Children in Need. We raised a fantastic amount of money - £480.70, which is the most we have raised for this charity. Check out our Twitter page to see photos from the day.

Sickness in School

As we approach the winter months, children pick up many illnesses. Please may we take this opportunity to remind parents of the school policy for sickness and diarrhoea.

If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea, they must stay off from school for **48 hours** after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

This procedure must be followed prevent bugs spreading around school.

Thank you

You may be aware that the government currently provides additional funding to schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium'. One of the measures used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSMs). For every child registered as having a Free School Meal this year, or in the last six years, The Olive School will receive £1320, which will be used to support your child's learning and improve their school experience. We will also give all eligible families a cheque for £55 (per child) to help with the cost of school uniform.

As I am sure you will agree, the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. However, many parents that are entitled to claim FSMs for their children are not aware of this entitlement.

If you think that you are eligible to apply for FSMs for your child, or if you are not sure, you may want to contact Bolton Council Housing Benefit Team on 01204 331590 where a member of their team will be able to advise you. Alternatively, you can apply via the Bolton Council website at:

https://selfserve.bolton.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=HB_FSM

Staffing Updates

Miss S Lee – Congratulations to Miss Lee who is expecting her baby in January iA. We send lots of duas and best wishes to her and her family as she begins her maternity leave at the end of this term. We shall miss her dearly but look forward to welcoming her back very soon, iA. Miss Nabeelah Pandor, has been appointed as the Learning Coach for Ibn Zubayr and we welcome her to the Olive Family.

Miss S Patel (Ibn Zubayr) – Miss Patel will iA, be getting married during the December holidays. We would all like to wish her eternal happiness as she begins the next chapter in her life.

Mrs Owens - Unfortunately, we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Owens at the end of this month. We wish her all the best for the future.

Miss Kapadia – We welcome Miss Kapadia to our Olive Family. She has previously trained with us and has now secured the class teacher role for Ibn Alee (Year 3).